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DEVICE FOR MONITORING NEURONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2";

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;